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LCO No. 966



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF SPECIAL TAXING
DISTRICTS CREATED BY SPECIAL ACT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 1 of special act
2 07-6 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 (3) At the meeting called for the purpose of establishing the district
4 as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the voters shall fix the
5 date of the annual meeting of the voters for the election of district
6 officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly
7 come before such annual meeting. At such organization meeting of the
8 district, the voters shall elect a president, vice-president, five directors,
9 a clerk and a treasurer to serve until the first annual meeting for the
10 election of officers and thereafter such officers shall be elected
11 annually, provided, upon its organization and at all times thereafter,
12 one director may be appointed by the mayor of the city of Stamford. At
13 the first annual meeting following July 1, 2014, the directors not
14 appointed by said mayor shall be elected to serve for one, two, three or
15 four years, respectively, and thereafter such directors, as each term

16 ends, shall be elected to serve for four-year terms. Not less than three
17 members of the board of directors shall be residents of the state of
18 Connecticut. Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this
19 subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the district shall constitute
20 a quorum for the transaction of business at such organizational
21 meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such
22 meeting, the mayor may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until
23 at least fifteen voters are present. Special meetings of the district may
24 be called on the application of ten per cent of the total number of
25 voters of such district or twenty of the voters of such district,
26 whichever is less, or by the president or any three directors upon
27 giving notice as provided in this subdivision. Any special meeting
28 called on the application of the voters shall be held not later than
29 twenty-one days after receiving such application. Notice of the holding
30 of the annual meeting and all special meetings shall be given by
31 publication of a notice of such meetings in a newspaper having a
32 general circulation in such district at least ten days before the day of
33 such meetings, signed by the president or any three directors, which
34 notice shall designate the time and place of such meetings and the
35 business to be transacted thereat. Two hundred or more persons or ten
36 per cent of the total number of voters of such district, whichever is less,
37 may petition the clerk of such district, in writing, at least twenty-four
38 hours prior to any such meeting, requesting that any item or items on
39 the call of such meeting be submitted to the voters not less than seven
40 or more than fourteen days thereafter, on a day to be set by the district
41 meeting or, if the district meeting does not set a date, by the board of
42 directors, or a vote by paper ballots or by a "yes" or "no" vote on the
43 voting machines, during the hours between twelve o'clock noon and
44 eight o'clock p.m., except that any district may, by vote of its board of
45 directors, provide for an earlier hour for opening the polls but not
46 earlier than six o'clock a.m. The paper ballots or voting machine ballot
47 labels, as the case may be, shall be provided by the clerk. When such a
48 petition has been filed with the clerk, the president, after completion of
49 other business and after reasonable discussion shall adjourn such

50 meeting and order such vote on such item or items in accordance with
51 the petition; and any item so voted may be rescinded in the same
52 manner. The clerk shall phrase such item or items in a form suitable for
53 printing on such paper ballots or ballot labels. Subject to the provisions
54 of subdivision (4) of this subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the
55 district shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any
56 meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such
57 meeting, the president of the district or, in such president's absence,
58 the vice-president, may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until
59 at least fifteen voters are present; and all meetings of the district where
60 a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by a vote of a
61 majority of the voters voting on the question. At any annual or special
62 meeting, the voters may, by a majority vote of those present,
63 discontinue any purposes for which the district is established or
64 undertake any additional purpose or purposes enumerated in
65 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

66 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 2 of public act 05-
67 289 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
68 *July 1, 2014*):

69 (3) At the meeting called for the purpose of establishing the district
70 as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the voters shall fix the
71 date of the annual meeting of the voters for the election of district
72 officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly
73 come before such annual meeting. At such organization meeting of the
74 district, the voters shall elect a president, vice-president, five directors,
75 a clerk and a treasurer to serve until the first annual meeting for the
76 election of officers and thereafter such officers shall be elected
77 annually, provided, upon its organization and at all times thereafter,
78 one director may be appointed by the mayor of the city of Bridgeport.
79 At the first annual meeting following July 1, 2014, the directors not
80 appointed by said mayor shall be elected to serve for one, two, three or
81 four years, respectively, and thereafter such directors, as each term
82 ends, shall be elected to serve for four-year terms. Not less than three

83 members of the board of directors shall be residents of the state of
84 Connecticut. Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this
85 subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the district shall constitute
86 a quorum for the transaction of business at such organizational
87 meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such
88 meeting, the mayor may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until
89 at least fifteen voters are present. Special meetings of the district may
90 be called on the application of ten per cent of the total number of
91 voters of such district or twenty of the voters of such district,
92 whichever is less, or by the president or any three directors upon
93 giving notice as hereinafter provided. Any special meeting called on
94 the application of the voters shall be held not later than twenty-one
95 days after receiving such application. Notice of the holding of the
96 annual meeting and all special meetings shall be given by publication
97 of a notice of such meetings in a newspaper having a general
98 circulation in such district at least ten days before the day of such
99 meetings, signed by the president or any three directors, which notice
100 shall designate the time and place of such meetings and the business to
101 be transacted thereat. Two hundred or more persons or ten per cent of
102 the total number of voters of such district, whichever is less, may
103 petition the clerk of such district, in writing, at least twenty-four hours
104 prior to any such meeting, requesting that any item or items on the call
105 of such meeting be submitted to the voters not less than seven or more
106 than fourteen days thereafter, on a day to be set by the district meeting
107 or, if the district meeting does not set a date, by the board of directors,
108 or a vote by paper ballots or by a "yes" or "no" vote on the voting
109 machines, during the hours between twelve o'clock noon and eight
110 o'clock p.m., except that any district may, by vote of its board of
111 directors, provide for an earlier hour for opening the polls but not
112 earlier than six o'clock a.m. The paper ballots or voting machine ballot
113 labels, as the case may be, shall be provided by the clerk. When such a
114 petition has been filed with the clerk, the president, after completion of
115 other business and after reasonable discussion shall adjourn such
116 meeting and order such vote on such item or items in accordance with

117 the petition; and any item so voted may be rescinded in the same
118 manner. The clerk shall phrase such item or items in a form suitable for
119 printing on such paper ballots or ballot labels. Subject to the provisions
120 of subdivision (4) of this subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the
121 district shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any
122 meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such
123 meeting, the president of the district or, in such president's absence,
124 the vice-president, may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until
125 at least fifteen voters are present; and all meetings of the district where
126 a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by a vote of a
127 majority of the voters voting on the question. At any annual or special
128 meeting, the voters may, by a majority vote of those present,
129 discontinue any purposes for which the district is established or
130 undertake any additional purpose or purposes enumerated in
131 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	SA 07-6, Sec. 1(b)(3)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	PA 05-289, Sec. 2(b)(3)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for staggered terms for directors of special taxing districts created by special act to ensure a gradual turnover of the governing body of each such district.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]